Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, On Veterans Day 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) unveiled a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and,

Whereas, The Wall That Heals is designed to travel to communities throughout the United States providing veterans who have been unable to visit the Memorial a chance to experience it within their own communities; and,

Whereas, Since its dedication, The Wall That Heals has visited more than 400 cities and towns throughout the nation, spreading the Memorial's healing legacy to millions; and,

Whereas, South Dakota Public Broadcasting arranged to include Chamberlain, South Dakota, on the 2017 The Wall That Heals National Tour as one of their numerous outreach events; and,

Whereas, Bringing The Wall That Heals home to communities throughout our country allows the souls enshrined on the Memorial to exist once more among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings; and,

Whereas, The Wall That Heals exhibit includes a mobile education center designed to put American experiences in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context; and,

Whereas, There are 192 South Dakotans whose names are listed on the Wall; brave individuals who shared their courage, pride, determination, and dedication to duty and integrity:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do herby proclaim August 10, 2017, as

THE WALL THAT HEALS DAY

in South Dakota, a day to remember and honor all our Vietnam Veterans, and their families and I call on all South Dakotans to join me in honoring those men and women and their loved ones.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State